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apparatus in accordance with a seventh embodiment of the invention. FIG. 10 is a simplified sectional view showing a general configuration of an image display apparatus in accordance with an eighth embodiment of the invention. In the above-mentioned fifth embodiment, the mechanism for intercepting the light applied to the transmission-type liquid crystal panel 1 is shown. However, the liquid crystal optical shutter 16 is used not only for this mechanism but also for a mechanism as shown in FIG. 8 for intercepting the display light from the transmission-type panel 1, a mechanism as shown in FIG. 9 for intercepting the reflected light of the reflection-type panel 11 or a mechanism shown in FIG. 10 for a projection panel. Therefore, the liquid crystal optical shutter 16 can be used for all liquid crystal panels of transmission, reflection and projection types.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:
an image display device driven in a continuous light-emitting mode, for displaying an image;
a shield member capable of shutting off an image displayed by the image display device, for a constant period; and
a driven mechanism for driving the shield member in synchronization with display of the image by the image display device.

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7. (Amended) The image display apparatus of claim 1, wherein the image display device carries out image display in synchronization with a vertical sync signal having a constant cycle, and
the drive mechanism drives the shield member in synchronization with the vertical sync signal to carry out the shutting off of the image for the constant period.
